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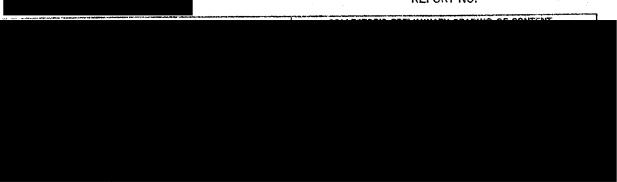
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- 1. Communist troops in Sian (108-54, 34-16) consist largely of local militiamen, with very few regular troops. Their arms and equipment were captured from the Nationalists; they have no weapons or equipment of Soviet manufacture.
- 2. There are a large number of Communist Party and government organizations in Sian. The number of factories has also increased greatly, but all of them are in the light industry category. There is only one arsenal and only one railway repair shop.
- 3. F'ENC Te-huai, chairman of the Northwest Lilitary and Administrative Committee, very seldom stays at Sian or attends meetings there. The military and political administration of Sian is actually in the hands of HSI Chung-shun (質 仲 為), secretary of the Northwest Bureau, and CHANG Tsung-sum (張 宗 趣), deputy commander of the 1 Field Army.
- $b_{i,j}$ Recairs and construction work on the airfield at Sian which were begun early in February have now been completed.
- 5. The highway between Sian and Chiengtu via Hanchung (107-OL, 30-LO) has been repaired and reinforced.

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